

Foreign Mission.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

For Bobbili—its missionaries, native helpers, Christians and schools, that the seed sown may yield an abundant harvest. For our Woman's Missionary Societies that every Christian may become interested in missions.

The Home Mission Committee of the W. B. M. U. met in the vestry of Prince street Baptist church, Truro, Dec. 16th. All members of the committee but one were present. After a short time spent in devotional exercises, business was proceeded with and Mrs. C. H. Martel of Great Village appointed Chairman of Committee, Mrs. Willard King, Truro, Secretary. A good deal of discussion followed as to how the work of the committee could best be carried forward and a number of resolutions were passed. We hope to have a communication ready for the February number of the Link with some fresh intelligence from our Home Mission fields which we trust may have a stimulating effect upon our societies.

L. W. K.

Kingsboro, P. E. I.

On Sunday evening last a missionary concert was given by the "Mission Band" in the Baptist church which proved to be of a very interesting nature, attracting a large and appreciative congregation. The exercises consisted of recitations, duets, solos, quartettes and choruses, each part being rendered in a most satisfactory manner, reflecting great credit upon the friends who assisted, and also upon those who instructed the children in their various parts. We were gratified to find that the proceeds amounted to the sum of \$9, which is, we understand, to be donated to the funds of the Foreign Mission Board.

J. W. GARDNERS.

Hillsdale, Hammond.

Our W. M. A. S. was organized August, 1896. Since then a few of us have endeavored to do something in this great work. This year we have undertaken to support a Bible woman on the mission field. We have sent \$15, and our Treasurer, Mrs. I. N. Faulkner has some money on hand which will be sent soon. Our desire is to do more in the future than we have in the past. We have had several discouragements. Three of our good sisters have moved away. Two dear sisters have gone to their heavenly home. We now have a membership of ten, also six auxiliary members. We hold our meetings the first Tuesday in each month. Our meeting, Oct. 1st, met at Hillsdale church. President in the chair. Meeting opened by singing, "O for a faith that will not shrink." Scripture reading, Heb. 1st. Opening prayers by Sister Fowler and Steeves. We felt God's presence with us strengthening us to press on in the Master's work. Our President, Sister S. Smith, gave us an interesting report of the W. B. M. U. Convention held in Main St. Baptist Church, St. John. Sister Smith read from tidings the President's message. Meeting closed by prayer and singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. J. S. BAIRD, Sec'y.

Melvorn Square.

The ladies of Melvorn Square decided to have a Thanksgiving concert instead of Causday. Accordingly the 24th of Nov. was selected for the same. The programme consisted of a dialogue, "The Conquering Cross," which (with the assistance of a male quartette who rendered two fine selections) occupied the evening. The programme captured and held the attention of the audience the entire evening. The sum raised was \$28.20, and this a voluntary offering. The ladies of our society have for some years supported a Bible woman under the care of Miss Ida Newcombe, India. Last year, we, the W. M. A. S., made our pastor's wife a life member. Our society is small but in a healthy condition. We are hoping for some new members soon. We are also hoping to do something towards Home Missions this year. We realize that the giving needs to be largely mixed with faith and prayer. Works without faith we know are of little profit. May the Master help each sister who professes to love him to be inclined to be a true worker in his vineyard.

Yours in Christ,

HARRIETT V. BARSS, Sec'y.

Salisbury, Westmorland Co., N. B.

Ours is an old society, but we have only sixteen members now. Year before last we made our pastor's wife a life member, but on account of building our new church have done nothing extra lately. In July, Mrs. John Sharpe, one of our most influential members died, but "our loss was her gain." Also

In July, Miss Flora Clarke gave a very appreciable address. Through the fall our president was low with fever but we rejoice that God willed to allow her to continue work on earth. Two meetings were lost in 1901. To-day there were seven at our meeting, which was held at the home of the president. The meetings are held at the homes in winter, and in summer in the church. Mrs. Isaiah Smith is president; Mrs. B. A. Stammers, Secretary; and Mrs. J. L. Trites, treasurer. Before closing we wish to highly commend the Boundary Creek Society.

Jan. 7th, 1902.

LU. M. TAYLOR.

Canning W. M. A. S.

Just now our hearts are feeling very sad over the death of two of our most valued and esteemed members. Sister Wordworth, President of the Aid Society for a number of years, passed away in November and since the beginning of December, Sister Mrs. Wallace Newcombe, who has been our President during the last two years, was called to her heavenly home after a very short illness. Both of these sisters were specially gifted and talented. We shall miss their wise counsel, sympathy and help; but God has called them, their work on earth is ended. Of them it may be said, "They have finished the course, they have kept the faith, and have gone to receive the crown of righteousness prepared for those who love God." We earnestly pray that the hearts of others may be inclined to come in with us and take the places of these dear sisters.

Dec. 29th, 1901.

F. SHEPHERD, Sec'y.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of W. B. M. U. FROM DEC. 25TH TO JAN. 8TH.

West Osslow, F. M., \$3.50, H. M., \$4.05, to constitute Mrs. James Morrison a life member, F. M., \$12.50, H. M., \$12.50; Bridgetown, Tidings, 25c; Lower Economy and Five Islands, F. M., \$4.50, H. M., \$1.50; St. John, a Christmas gift from her husband, to constitute Mrs. T. S. Simms a life member, F. M., \$15, H. M., 10c; Hartford, Amenda McKim, G. L. M., \$1; Louisa McKim, N. W. M., \$1, Reports, 10c; Downeyville, Mrs. A. E. Worden, F. M., \$1, Collection Missionary Meeting, F. M., \$1.65; Cheverie, F. M., \$2, N. W. M., \$1, G. L. M., \$1, H. M., \$1; Harper's Brook, toward Miss Clarke's support, \$7, H. M., \$2; Brookfield, Tidings, 25c; Summerville, F. M., \$8, H. M., \$2, Tidings, 25c; Reports, 15c; Silsbury, F. M., \$7.50, H. M., 80c; Tekkall, Flora Clarke, Tidings, 30c; Isaac's Harbor, F. M., \$9.54; Forest Glen, West Co., F. M., \$12.31; Truro 1st church, F. M., \$12, H. M., \$7, Reports, 35c.

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

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Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

In the interest of our mission work in these Provinces, in the Northwest, at Grande Ligne and in India among the 2,000,000 of Telugus, it has been proposed to raise at least \$50,000 as a special thankoffering in view of the many blessings vouchsafed to the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces during the last 100 years of their wonderful history. The movement was started some time ago, but in view of the effort put forth in connection with the "Forward Movement," so called, of Acadia College, it was held in abeyance until the time had expired for raising the \$60,000 asked for. Now that the time is up it was felt that our mission work should have the right of way without 'let or hindrance' on the part of any, and with the blessing and approval of all who have been and are interested in the "Acadia Forward Movement." This we are sure to get, because it is due to our mission work and because the Mission Boards gracefully gave way to the College so as to help in the canvass for our educational institutions.

Something has already been done for the 20th Century Fund for Home and Foreign Missions. Plans have been matured, allotments made in some instances and committees appointed to supervise the prosecution of the work. But all this is only preparatory. To give effect to what has already been done there must be the hearty, vigorous appeal and canvass which can only be done by an earnest, enthusiastic, whole-souled man, or men, who shall present the claims of our great missionary enterprises in such a way as to call forth sympathetic responses from our people. Among the brethren in the ministry who seemed to be specially fitted to engage in this work and make it a success the name of Rev. H. F. Adams, late of Truro, at once occurred to the brethren of the committee. An offer was made to him to undertake the work, which was accepted. This brother has entered upon the canvass and is meeting with much encouragement.

At the last meeting of the Foreign Mission Board the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Whereas, The Committee who have the oversight of the raising of the 20th Century Fund for Home and Foreign Missions have engaged the Rev. H. F. Adams as a special agent for the prosecution of this important work; therefore

Resolved, That this Board express their approval of this action, taken by the Committee, and their confidence in Mr. Adams as a brother eminently fitted to push the work to a successful issue and would commend him to the sympathy and support of all our people,

Strength in Reserve.

Every well-appointed army has its reserve corps. It is not beaten until that corps is overcome. So in every life there is a reserve strength which may be called upon as the exigency arises. No one can be wholly conquered until this is exhausted, and no one knows how great this is until it has been drawn upon. It is not an uncommon experience in life to hear one say, "I do not know how I bore that trial or met that demand, or did that work." As from the farther side it was looked back upon it looked so formidable. So dark, so forbidding, that the one compelled to meet it could only say, "I do not know how I did it." Well he could not had it not been for this reserved strength. So, too, sometimes a trial lies impending before us. Black and ominous it lies across our path like a great thunder-cloud on the horizon, like a huge iceberg thrusting itself out of the fog and looming up threatening disaster to the ship on whose vision it breaks. How can I meet it? one says, it looks so vast and so instinct with disaster. Well, he cannot without this reserve force of which we are speaking, and what this shall be to him he cannot know until the testing comes. No pathway reveals its secrets until it is trodden.

What is this reserve strength? Well, undoubtedly by nature we are in the possession of endowments, of which we do not dream until they are drawn upon. Emergency creates resource; demand compels supply. But to the Christian in all this there is something other than the natural reinforcement. There is also to him the divine aid. He hears a voice saying, "I will not leave thee. As thy day is so shall thy strength be, and because I will be thy help." And the mystery of it need not keep us from its comfort. There is no more mystery in that God helps than in that nature will respond to our call. In both alike there is vast comfort for us, and in the confidence they give we can be undaunted. The future may hold surprises but it need hold no trial in which we may not conquer.—Baptist Commonwealth.

The Courtesy of Poor Folks.

"Jan MacLaren," writing in the Christian Endeavor World, has the following to say, contrasting the kindness of the poor with the formality of the "upper classes." He says: "It is not wise as a rule to make comparisons between classes, but I am inclined to think that if it comes to the spirit of courtesy, which lies behind all manners, respectable working people, say our artisans and their wives, will make a better show than their masters and their wives. They will have less of that concern about their own dignity, which is always a sign of vulgarity; they will have more regard for the claims of other people; they will be more anxious not to hurt another's feelings; and they will be quicker to render services in the little exigencies of life; and all this is the fruit of courtesy."

"Were any woman (and I count this a perfect test) traveling with a young child and some articles of luggage, it would be better for her, as a rule, to take a place in a third-class carriage rather than in a first-class carriage. The chances are that among richer people, unless they gathered from something she said, or from her name upon a dressing-case, that she was a person of distinction—in which case they would take any trouble in exact proportion to their own meanness—they would eye her with displeasure, convey to her the idea that the child was a nuisance, ignore the struggle with her luggage, and make her glad to leave the compartment. Were she to travel with an artisan and his wife, they would bid her welcome, make her feel at home, anticipate her wants, and encompass her with attentions—because she was a lonely woman with a child. And the service of a woman and a child is the climax of courtesy."

Dyspepsia

That means a great deal more than pain in the stomach, else it might be easily cured.

It means that that organ lacks vigor and tone and is too weak properly to perform its functions.

It means, too, that much that is eaten is wasted and the system generally under-nourished.

W. A. Nugent, Belleville, Ont., had dyspepsia for years; so did H. Budan, San Luis Obispo, Cal. Mrs. C. A. Warner, Central City, Neb., was so afflicted with it she could scarcely keep anything on her stomach and became very weak and poor.

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