

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.

For Chicasole and out stations and all the workers. The hospital that a medical missionary may be secured. For a blessing upon the North West Mission.

Mission Band Notes, N. S.

There is an increased interest in Mission Bands in many of our churches, and those who realize that work for the children gives our brightest hope for the future, see the importance of having them taught the world's needs and their duty. Hence the increase in number of Bands in Nova Scotia.

It is encouraging to know that each year new Bands are being organized, while perhaps one or two a year may cease to exist. More letters of inquiry in regard to the work have been received during this year than in any previous year, and a much deeper interest manifested. In N. S. 1288 leaflets are taken by 79 Bands. Only words of appreciation are received in regard to them.

I have given all the time and strength possible in writing to the Bands, giving encouragement, assistance and replying to questions asked regarding the work; also to presidents of Aid Societies, pastor's wives, county secretaries, associational directors and others who might be induced to enter into this work with the young. Accordingly 123 letters and 24 cards have been sent.

A goodly number of new Bands have been organized and prospects of others before the close of the Convention year. There is still need of many more to engage in this work. My sister, are you doing all you can, either by your influence, prayers, encouragement to leaders, meeting with the Band, or where there is none, seeking to arouse an interest and start one.

A letter received in October 1902 gives the pleasing information that a Band of 20 members was organized in Hampton, Anna-o-lis Co., in April 1902 with President, Miss Minnie E. Brown; Vice-President, Miss Agnes Gessner; Secretary, Miss Carrie Tilt; Treasurer, Miss Gollie Brinton. This Band is named "Golden Heathen Helpers," and by money already sent to the treasurer is showing that the name is applicable.

Sept. 7, the Mount Helena Mission Band was organized with 41 members at Greenfield, Queens county, N. S. The officers are: Pres., Beatrice D. Freeman; Vice-Pres., Carmon Robert; Sec'y., Hilda Freeman; Treas., Jana Freeman; Sup't., Miss Jessie E. Freeman.

Prince St. Truro, also organized on Oct. 21, for service in this grand work. Now there are 30 members. Pres., Miss Eva McDorman; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Miller; Sec'y., Miss Jessie Burrows; Treas., Carl Ryan.

On Nov. 9 a Band was organized at Parraboro with 28 members: Pres., Mrs. D. H. MacQuarrie; Sec'y., Miss Alice Smith.

Nov. 15 a Band was re-organized at Pleasant Lake, Yarmouth Co., with 17 members. Officers: Pres., Miss Favia Allen; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jesse Earl; Sec'y., Mrs. Edmund Earl; Treas., Miss Flora Jeffry.

On Jan. 2, 1903 at Lower Canard a Band was organized with the assistance of the pastor, Rev. D. E. Hatt. This service was much appreciated by his people, and thus he proved himself an example for others. Pres., Frank Eaton; Vice-Pres., Marion Eaton; Sec'y., Ross Eaton; Treas., Gertrude Eaton; Sup't., Miss Bessie Eaton.

Westport for some time paid into the treasury \$12 a year, for the support of a child, so was numbered with the Bands, though there was no organization or meetings except concerts or efforts to raise money. On Jan. 25, a regular Band was organized with Pres., Mrs. Edward Coggins; Vice-Pres., Mrs. William Pugh; Sec'y., Miss Margaret Morrell; Treas., Miss Ella Coggins. This Band now numbers above fifty.

These with the Cambridge, Hants Co., and Morristown Kings Co., and Weymouth, Digby Co., and Chester, which have been reported in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR make eleven new Bands actively engaged in learning of the great need and doing something toward winning the world for Christ.

Berwick, N. S.

MRS. P. R. FOSTER, Band Sup't.

The W. M. A. Society of the 1st Harvey Baptist Church.

Although it has been some months since this society has reported, we are still eager to do all we can as a society, to save perishing souls. Owing to illness and bad weather, our meetings this winter have not been so largely attended as we would wish, but we have felt the Master's presence in our midst and the meetings have been good and uplifting. So while there is cause for thankfulness,

there is also sincere regret that we have had to part so recently with our Pres. Mrs. Fletcher who leaves us to go to St. George. At our last monthly meeting this society wishing to express their love and esteem of Mrs. Fletcher presented her with an appropriate address and a dinner set. Mrs. Fletcher responded in a very feeling manner and said nothing would draw hearts closer together than service for the same Lord, who died to redeem the world. May the Lord give us wisdom from on high is the prayer of this society.

MRS. JUDSON BISHOP, Sec'y.

Amounts Received by Treasurer Mission Bands FROM MARCH 17 TO APRIL 22.

Milton, Yar Co, support of Bangarawma, F M, \$6; Aylesford, F M, \$3, H M, \$8 50; Tanook, F M, \$5; Albany, H M, \$3, Amherst Highlands, F M, \$3 14; Germantown St, support of native preacher, F M, \$25; Truro, Prince St, support of Claude John, F M, \$10; Truro, F M, \$3; Albert, F M, \$5; Pleasant River, F M, \$6; Moncton, toward Miss Clarke's salary, F M, \$10 58; Moncton, (High St) Miss Clarke's salary, F M, \$5; Little River, H M, \$3; Advocate, for Grande Ligne, H M, \$5; Amherst, Highlands, F M, \$3 65; Halifax, (Tabernacle) to constitute Mrs. C. Penty life member, F M, \$10, H M, \$10; Forbes Point, support of Suzulah, F M, \$4.

MRS. IDA CRANDALL, Treas. Mission Bands
Chiloman, Queens Co., N. H.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

AN AWFUL RECORD.

There are one billion heathen in the world. They are dying at the rate of 100,000 a day. At every breath we draw, four souls perish, never having heard of Christ. Christians are giving at the rate of one-tenth of a cent a day.

We give one cent a year for each heathen soul. Of every dollar given for Christian work, we spend ninety eight cents on our home work and two cents for the heathen.

Out of every 100,000 church members in America only twenty-one go to the foreign field.

In America there is one ordained minister, evangelist, or Christian worker to every forty-eight or fifty people.

In the foreign field each missionary is responsible for 100,000 souls.

REVERSING THE DIVINE ORDER.

There can be no doubt that in the divine view of things presented in the Bible, the chief work of a Christian people lies, not in the furnishing of means for self-indulgence, but in advancing the higher interests of humanity, and especially the kingdom of God. That this order was reversed in the United States last year appear from an estimate of the money raised and spent for various objects, as shown by this significant table:

Foreign missions,	\$ 5 000 000
Home church work,	100 000 000
Public schools,	195 000 000
Amusements,	400 000 000
Bread,	600 000 000
Tobacco,	800 000 000
Intoxicating liquors,	1 250 000 000

Almost three times as much thrown away as was spent for all the worthy objects, including bread for the whole nation!—Homiletic Review.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN JAPAN.

A correspondent in that country writes by way of showing the rapid changes taking place in Japan, that one of the leading daily native newspapers in Tokyo publishes each week, free of charge, church notices of the leading churches. As this is done to please its constituency, it will be seen what an ever-growing interest there is in Christianity. There is an awakening also, in the schools in different parts of the country, both teachers and pupils attending meetings without fear of ridicule.

GENEROUS GIVING BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

Who would think that the Sunday schools connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States gives for foreign missions one third as much as the older members of the various congregations? In seventy nine out of 195 parishes and missions in New York, Sunday schools gave more than the congregations. Surely the administrators of Episcopalian foreign missions have succeeded in turning the stream of Sunday-school benevolence in the direction of the foreign movement. They emphasize in particular Easter Sunday as the best and most appropriate day of the year in which to appeal to the children and young people, and last year the Easter offering throughout the country aggregated no less than \$110,000. As a stimulant to

the offering this year the April Spirit of Missions is devoted chiefly to showing through pictures and text what Christian missions are doing to brighten and better the lives of boys and girls the world over.—Selected.

PRAY FOR THE PENNIES.

It was a bright spring evening when little Polly stole softly into her father's room with shoeless feet her golden hair falling lightly over her white nightgown, for it was bedtime, and she had come to say "good-night."

"Father," said the little one, raising her blue eyes to his kind face, "Father, may I say my prayers beside you, for mother is too ill for me to go to her to-night."

"Yes, pet," he answered tenderly.

And reverently the child knelt down beside him and prayed her evening prayer, adding, at the close, with a special earnestness, "God bless my two pennies."

"What can the child mean!" thought the father in surprise.

When the little white-robed figure was gone, he went and asked her mother if she knew what their little daughter meant.

"Oh, yes," said the lady. "Polly has prayed that prayer every night since she put her two pennies into the plate at the last missionary meeting."

Have you ever prayed to God for a blessing on the pennies you have put in the missionary box?—Evangelist.

RESULTS OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

When the patriot Kang-Yuwei, who was the chief adviser to the Emperor of China in the reform measures promulgated in 1898, was interviewed in Hong Kong by the editor of the China Mail, he said, "I owe my conversion to reform and my knowledge of reform chiefly to the writings of two missionaries, Rev. Timothy Richards, agent of the English Baptist Society, and Rev. Dr. Y. J. Allen, a missionary of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church of America."

Tan-sz-Tong, a companion of Kang-Yuwei, and one of the most superb young men China ever produced, said, just before his execution by order of the Empress Dowager, "I know that no great reform movement has ever been carried out without its martyrs, and I am willing to die for China; but be sure of this: that for every head which falls to-day a thousand will rise to take its place and carry on this great work of reform."

These men and many like them never openly professed Christianity, but were in a large measure products of mission work, and drank their inspiration from the fountain opened up by Jesus Christ.—Ex.

FOUR YEARS OLD.

This is my birthday—I'm four years old! Papa says I'm worth my weight in gold. And I guess it must be because I am four. But mamma says I'm worth a great deal more; She gave me a ring that she used to wear When she was little with curly hair, And with that and a ride and a party, too, I'm so happy I don't know what to do! And the morning is only just begun— Oh, having a birthday is lots of fun! Were you ever four years old, like me, With a ring and a ride and a birthday tea? —Sunbeam.

Catarrh

Is a constitutional disease.

It originates in a scrofulous condition of the blood and depends on that condition.

It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the vocal organs and disturbs the stomach.

It afflicted Mrs. Hiram Shires, Batchellerville, N. Y., twenty consecutive years; deprived her of the sense of smell, made her breathing difficult, and greatly affected her general health.

She testifies that after she had taken many other medicines for it without lasting effect it was radically and permanently cured, her sense of smell restored, and her general health greatly improved, by

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This great medicine has wrought the most wonderful cures of catarrh, according to testimonials voluntarily given. Try it.