

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.

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

DEAR MESSENGER AND VISITOR:—With your kind permission I would like to speak to a good many people through your columns.

We at Feller Institute have just been favored with a visit from Mrs. J. M. Gunn of Belmont, N. S., and she came bringing three trunks closely packed with bedding, toilet and fancy articles to help in furnishing our new wing. We scarcely know how to express our appreciation of this most generous contribution to our needs. The things were so nice as well as useful, and they will help very much in making the rooms comfortable and cosy.

We would therefore express our sincere thanks to our friends in Athol, Lakeville, Cambridge, Windsor, Advocate, Bridgewater, Lewisville, Milton, Belmont, Parrsboro, Arcadia, Weymouth, Portapique, Truro, Great Village, Canso, Middle Sackville, N. B., and Gabarus, Cape Breton.

About the same time a barrel filled with furnishings arrived from Bear River, N. S., and before that a parcel from Fredericton, while still earlier came a parcel from Chi, man.

We do appreciate your sympathy with the work and the workers of Grande Ligne and pray that God may abundantly bless you all in your efforts to help and benefit others. Yours in His service,

MRS. ARTHUR E. MASSE.

GRAND-LIGNE, P. Q., April 30, 1913.

The Aim of Missions.

Why does God make the work so great? In order that every one may take part. Every one is needed. Not one can say "I am not needed." Serious will be the results if anyone neglects her part, even though that part be small indeed. The great engines on the mighty battleships are started by means of smaller engines placed beneath the larger ones. If our work, which may at first seem of small import, is neglected the greater work will suffer in proportion. Perhaps you are one of the small engines under God's providence to help fire the great ones and set them going.

Woman's prevailing influence makes her responsibility in regard to missions evident. Many a heavy chain of superstition is forged and it is usually around woman's neck that the links are fastened most tightly. Truly has one put it that,

"The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink together, dwarfed or godlike, bond or free."

Noble men in heathen lands will rise in proportion as heathen women are enlightened.

More directly to the subject, as to the aim of missions. It is first of all religious. This cannot be emphasized too much in this age of doubt and questioning. It is not in itself philanthropic, political or secular, but spiritual and religious. While it is true that religion must express itself in life, the religion of Christ is above everything else spiritual life and far better harvest may be confidently expected from one seed of the life of Christ planted under the crust of heathen life than could be expected if only social customs or the externals of Western civilization were carried into the heathen lands. Incidentally we may help to better the social conditions in the world, but our chief aim is to make known to the world him who said of himself, "I am come that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly." And this is our supreme aim, that the world may know the truth and be made free, and if made free through Christ they shall be free indeed. To borrow the language of another, "It is a just thing to challenge the world to sympathy with missions, because of the philanthropic and social results that missions achieve and the heroic spirit which they display. But our supreme aim is to make Jesus Christ known."

I feel like one who said that it was his deep conviction that if the church of Christ were what she ought to be twenty years would not pass away till the story of the cross would be uttered in the ears of every living man. Has not the time now come for great action, for a serious attempt by the Christian church to attain this aim? To try to raise womanhood to the high plane where God would have her take her stand is truly a great and difficult undertaking when we think of the numbers to be reached and the obstacles in the way. As we study this great question more and more clearly do we see how much of the real fundamental work in missions lies in woman's hands to accomplish. The words

of the long ago from the Master's divine lips come ringing down through the ages, "Let not your heart be troubled." The message of resurrection joy is a grand message for the women of to-day to carry to a sin burdened world, "Go, tell he is risen."

To use a familiar illustration. At one of the lighthouses on the Scotland coast in one of the rooms there is a siren whistle. It is difficult to believe that this small insignificant-looking object will emit a powerful sound that can be heard for many and many a mile over the dark and fogged sea. But on going down to a lower room the mystery is explained; the siren is connected with a powerful engine and supplied by it with compressed air which enables it to give its timely and far-reaching warning. The hidden engine supplies the power; the siren is only its mouth-piece. In this we have a parable of woman's work and influence. It is woman's voice that must sound after the message of salvation to the women in heathen lands in warning tones and yearning love to save and deliver them from the darkness of superstition and sin. But this power is not in her, it is altogether in the hidden power. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

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

FROM APRIL 9 TO APRIL 30.

Five Islands, H. M., \$2.50; Wolfville, Lewis Head, Tidings each, \$1; Middle Sackville, leaflets, 60c; Sackville, Main Street, Reports, F. M., \$9. H. M., \$6.50, Reports, 50c.; Lac-oc, F. M., \$3.08; New Glasgow, Bridgewater, Green Road, St. John, Centre Village, Tidings, 25c.; Falkland Ridge, F. M., \$4.75. H. M., 25c.; Clyde River, F. M., \$3.50. H. M., \$3.50. Tidings, 25c.; Bedouque, F. M., \$4. H. M., \$1.70; Upper Stewiacke, F. M., \$2; Cambridge Newrows, F. M., \$3; Bay View, F. M., \$5. H. M., \$5; Centerville, F. M., \$1.89, Miss Newcombe's salary, \$1. Tidings, 25c.; M. B. leaflets, 36c.; Cavellton, F. M., \$4; Port Greenville, F. M., \$3.45, Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 20c.; Riverside, F. M., \$5; Cumberland Ba. F. M., \$8.25; Halifax, 1st church, result of thank offering meeting, F. M., \$57.70. H. M., \$25 to constitute Miss Agnes Barnstead a life member, F. M., \$25; Chester, leaflets, 75c.; Sydney, Pitt Street, F. M., \$6; Kentville, F. M., \$6.50. H. M., \$1.25; Milton, F. M., \$7. H. M., \$2.90; Moncton towards Miss Flora Clarke's salary, \$38.00; Chance Harbor, F. M., \$4; St. Martins, F. M., \$5; balance to constitute Mrs. A. W. Fowles a life member, F. M., \$10; Mira Gut, leaflets, 36c.; Halifax, 1st church, Tidings, 25c.; Newcastle, Tidings, 50c.; Forbes' Point, F. M., \$5. H. M., \$5; 1st Sable River, F. M., \$7.50; West Yarmouth, F. M., \$12. H. M., \$1.50, Tidings, 25c.; Billtown, F. M., \$5.50. H. M., \$3.50. Christmas offering, H. M., \$3.40; Haliandale, Tidings, 25c.; Lunenburg, F. M., \$5.60; St. John, Main Street, F. M., \$21. H. M., \$2.11; Point de Bute, F. M., \$7, leaflets, 30c.; Reports, 25c.; Tidings, 25c.; Tatamagouche, Mt. Mrs. Rachel Downing, F. M., \$1; Athol, F. M., \$4; Charlottetown, F. M., \$7.75. H. M., \$11.30; St. John West, F. M., \$6. N. B. C., \$4. N. W. M., \$4. G. L. M., \$4; Glace Bay, Tidings, 25c.; 3rd Yarmouth, F. M., \$4.25. H. M., \$1.44, Tidings, 25c.; Paradise, F. M., \$6. H. M., \$1; Canard, F. M., \$14.50. H. M., \$2. Reports, 25c.; Tidings, 25c.; Canard, to constitute Mrs. D. E. Hatt a life member, F. M., \$25; Alberton, F. M., \$4. H. M., \$4 part of which is proceeds of a lecture by Miss Martha Clarke; Tryon, Tidings, 75c.; Wallace River, F. M., \$3.65, Reports, 10c.; Boundary Creek, F. M., \$7, Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 20c.; Berwick, F. M., \$10.44. H. M., \$1.70; Weston Branch, F. M., \$3.50. H. M., \$4.05; Somerset Branch, F. M., \$6; Bridgetown, F. M., \$7.97. H. M., \$2.03; St. Stephen, F. M., \$12.15. H. M., \$3.88, to constitute their pastor's wife, Mrs. H. W. O. Millington, a life member, F. M., \$12.50. H. M., \$12.50; Canno, F. M., \$13; Pictou, F. M., \$11; Hebron, F. M., \$7.50; Springfield, F. M., \$3.50; Argyle Head, Tidings, 25c.; Pugwash, F. M., \$2.50. H. M., \$1; Milton, F. M., \$3.45. H. M., 40c.; Dartmouth, F. M., \$12; Nictaux, F. M., \$5.01. H. M., \$1.08; St. John, Leinster Street, F. M., \$6. H. M., \$5.18. N. W. M., 60c.; Mission Band treasurer, F. M., \$34.10. H. M., \$95.87; Chipman, F. M., \$10.25. H. M., \$39, Tidings, 25c.; leaflets, 75c.; Bass River, balance life member, F. M., \$10; Lunenburg, leaflets, 34c.; Kentville, Tidings, 25c.; Isaac's Harbor, F. M., \$15. H. M., \$15; Halifax, 1st church, F. M., \$15. H. M., \$10, Chicacole Hospital, "Mite" Society, \$12.30; St. John, German Street, F. M., \$61, H. M., \$13. N. W. M., \$5; Amherst, F. M., \$32.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

At the Conference of our missionaries which was held in January at Vizianagram there was quite a discussion as to the best course to pursue towards the orphan children, who were found in the different fields. These become orphans owing to the death of their parents or in other ways, and if not cared for they too become a prey to disease or die of famine, or grow up to become pests to the communities in which they may dwell. The subject was referred to a special Committee. That Committee reported as follows:

"Whereas on all our fields there are many helpless orphans from whom we cannot turn aside without being guilty of running away from an open door of usefulness and also from duty, we therefore recommend the Conference to take into consideration the matter of establishing an industrial orphanage in our mission."

The Conference appointed a special Committee to devise plans for the establishment of such an orphanage. The brethren also voted that the Foreign Mission Board be requested "to announce to the churches that funds given for the support of orphans may be used for the present at our mission stations in support of such orphans as we now have or are likely to have in the immediate future in our various Boarding Schools."

The above will furnish a most excellent opportunity for those brothers and sisters who want to do good and do it when the need is great. There are orphan children all over our vast field, who could be taken and trained, when converted, for the Master's service, if only the missionary had the money to enable him to do so. A ten dollar bill or at most fifteen dollars would support one of these orphan children for a year. Certainly such an orphanage, with God's blessing, would be worth much to our mission. We know that there are men and women, young people and others who are waiting to have just such an enterprise launched, to contribute towards the support of one or more of these orphan children. Will you not pray that our missionaries may be Divinely guided in this matter? We need the help of all our people—for the work is expanding on every side—and a division of interest is depressing, to say the least.

The Rev. J. Gregory Mantle, who had been making a missionary tour in India, writes: "I saw a little boy of only twelve years of age preaching the other day in the city of Bombay. He addressed the mill hands, who number many thousands in that city, in his own tongue. Who is this boy? He is a famine orphan, saved from death by starvation through the contribution of God's people in the time of India's trouble. He was placed with a number of others under the wings of Christian influence; he became a disciple of Jesus, and now discovers this gift of preaching. Under the divine blessing, these boys and girls are bound to play an important part in the evangelization, and we must co-operate with God to help the missionaries carry on this work."

A Presbyterian church in Wichita, Kan., supports at the present time twenty-four missionaries in the field. The pastor, Dr. C. E. Bradt, has adopted what he calls the Specific Object method, by which he estimates that each Presbyterian church member is responsible for preaching the gospel to 150 heathens, and that his own church is confronted by the problem of evangelizing 160,000. A missionary from China presented the needs of his field and the church promptly assumed his salary, later providing that of his wife, of a medical missionary and a lady evangelist, all co-workers. Individual members undertook the support of native workers graduated from the Normal School on the same field, to build which the Wichita church had already furnished \$2,500. The needs of home missions are met in a similar way. Either the pastor or some worker from the field vividly depicts the need, asks for specific sums and gets them.

THE INTERPRETATION OF THE APOCALYPSE, by France Houston Wallace, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Victoria University, Toronto.

This is a title of "a paper" which was read at a Theological Conference in Toronto in November last and issued in the form of a booklet. It is an attempt at the interpretation of a confessedly difficult book. There have been many such attempts, and there will be probably many more of them. The author is neither pre-millennial nor post-millennial in his views as to our Lord's second coming, he according to his view, the first resurrection is not literal, but ideal, and is but a bold poetical representation of the victory and felicity of the Christian martyrs under Nero. It is "souls not bodies that John beholds." The interpretation is not out of the beaten track, and is written in a calm dispassionate manner. It is well worth reading, and the interpretation is certainly as reasonable, as many that have advanced if not a little more so.

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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.