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W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY

For Biddah, its missionaries, outstations, helpers and schools—that all who have heard of Christ may believe in him and confess him before men. For our Mission Bands and their leaders.

Milton, Yarmouth.

Perhaps a word to our column in MESSENGER AND VISITOR would not be out of place. Our meetings are kept up regularly through the winter months, and a good deal of interest is manifested.

Our greatest difficulty comes during the summer months when our town is filled with tourists, and everyone is busy entertaining guests. Even then the few who meet together find the Master present to bless.

Our membership is small. Though we continually put forth effort to add to our membership, we do not seem to succeed very much in that direction. However, we have a faithful little band of workers. Our meetings this winter have been held from house to house, the average attendance being ten. Tea has been served by the hostess each month and in the evening "the Ladies Aid" holds a social to which all are cordially invited. In this way we try to increase sociability in our church, and give those who come in the evening an opportunity to help on our contributions. A collection of about \$2.50 is taken each time. Added to this we organized a "Knitting Circle" in aid of our Home Mission funds. While some are engaged in knitting and social chat others are preparing a programme for the evening. Quite a number respond to our invitation and come to spend a social hour, which seems to be enjoyed by all. Praying that the Master's blessing may be upon our efforts in his cause, and that this year may be a year of great prosperity in all our W. B. M. A. Societies. MRS. DAVID PRICE.

Tryon, P. E. I.

The W. B. M. A. Society held their annual Thankoffering in December. An interesting and instructive programme was prepared and successfully carried out. Bro. White of Charlottetown, very kindly consented to be present and give an address. The offering amounted \$28.60, which has since been increased to \$31.10, which will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions. C.

Tryon, P. E. I.

Our Mission Band (willing workers) held a missionary concert in November. The young folks had prepared a very good programme consisting of singing, recitations, and readings. The church was filled, and a good collection taken. This is the first attempt by the Band to hold a public meeting, but we feel sure it will not be the last. PEES.

The Woodstock W. B. M. A. S. observed Crusade Day by an "At Home" to which every woman in the church was invited. It was held at Mrs. Fulton's, the president of our society. A large number were present and all had a pleasant time. A public missionary meeting was held at the church in the evening. An excellent programme was most successfully carried out. Collection \$6.00. A W. B. M. A. S. was organized at the new Baptist church at Peel in December. They hope soon to have a Mission Band. There are some grand workers in the place. Pray for this new society.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Word just to hand intimates that seven were baptized at Tekah the last Sunday in December, one of whom was the young son of Missionary Higgins. This is good news from afar. We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Higgins that their boy thus early in life has been led to the Saviour and can rejoice in a new found hope. The Lord be praised for this token of his favor. We trust that many others may be led to yield their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ.

The missionaries at Chicacole are in the midst of special services. These are deeply interesting. There is some opposition aroused. This is always the case when Christians are in deep concern for the salvation of souls. The interest is of such a nature that instead of going to the conference the missionaries have felt it to be their duty to remain at their post. It may be that the Lord has some rich blessings in store for the earnest and faithful workers on this field and that the Chicacole church will ere long

"lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes." The work in India is in a most hopeful condition, the signs of promise are seen on every hand. The Lord seems ready to manifest His saving power. The missionaries are burdened for souls. They are acting for us, in our stead. Are we here at home, carrying the burden? Is the connection between the workers at home and those abroad, close and vital? Are we as one before the throne of grace? We are thankful for the new drops, but we long for the showers to fall.

Rev. S. C. Freeman writes of the work at Chicacole. Unless all signs fail the report from the fields will be one for which to thank God and take courage. I have addressed the English speaking Telugus three times. They are splendid listeners. Last evening not less than 100 Hindus heard the gospel and listened attentively, in the Telugu meeting. Every day some come for private conversation concerning the things of religion. Quite a number give credible evidence of a new heart. The Lord be praised.

The missionary conference was in session at Parla-Kimedy the closing week of the year. We regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Gullison are going to take their furlough this year instead of next year, this by the advice of physicians. We do not want our missionaries to stay too long in that deadly clime. Breakdowns may be mended, but complete restoration is not so easily effected. While we regret the necessity for this return at this time and none of us regret it more than the missionaries themselves, we are sure that a most cordial greeting will be given to Mr. and Mrs. Corey and Mr. and Mrs. Gullison. We love them for what they are and for their works' sake. This will be a great disappointment to Miss Newcombe who has decided to remain at Bimbi for another year. We have good missionaries, who are true to Him whom they call Master and Lord. Pastors and brethren of the churches, will you not pray more earnestly than you have ever done that one and all of us may be up and doing, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Day of Prayer for Colleges.

On Lord's Day, Feb. 7th, Acadia College, Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary will hold special services for prayer on behalf of these schools. The observance of a day of prayer, is happily, not new. Prayer has been answered again and again, and our churches will join our brethren at Wolfville in seeking from the source of all blessing further manifestations of His unfailing grace—and they will not ask in vain. God's promises are abundant and they are all "yea and amen in Christ Jesus." We are rejoicing in improved financial conditions. Within the last few years special efforts have resulted in substantial donations to the overdrawn treasuries. And we are glad to know that the brethren possessed of means are responding with commendable generosity to the appeal on behalf of the second forward movement. We trust the same spirit will prevail until the completion of the undertaking. The money will all be very much needed.

But schools, like men, need more than money. If a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things he possesses we may say also that a college cannot draw its best inspiration from any lower source than the source of all good gifts. For a college needs mind and only God and God in Christ the manifested God, has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. A college needs high motive that will be dominated by the desire to seek culture for the sake of usefulness to men, and only that constraining love of Christ will make these highest motives regnant. A college needs in her leading spirits a faith that will not waver, an enthusiasm that does not wane, and an energy that never flags; and only the unfailing grace of the changeless God can keep men aflame from year to year. A college needs students who are smitten with a love of learning and a quenchless thirst for all of life that learning can bring; and only the help that comes from the Holy of Holies can replace human ambition and "The pride of life" with the surrender to the clear call to come up higher in the endless strife.

In a world the life of our schools is hidden with Christ in God. It is not in us, not in our equipment, it is in heaven, and it comes to those who in our Lord's appointed way of devotion and believing prayer "give Him no rest" until He makes Jerusalem to prosper—our schools need God's blessing beyond all our power to describe—but God can give beyond all we can ask or think—pray, brethren! pray!

The church of the future will do what it can to make the kingdoms of this world the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ, and the pierced hand of the Son of God shall guide the ship of state on every water, and you need not wait for the second coming for that, for he has come to you.—O. P. Guilford.

Our world needs reciprocity in cordial words, kind deeds, the helpful thought gently expressed, which will tend to better work from the standpoint of a broader view; and yet the whole is encompassed in the exhortation of Jesus: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Ex.

Eruptions

Pimples, boils, tetter, eczema or salt rheum, Are signs of diseased blood.

Their radical and permanent cure, therefore consists in curing the blood.

Angus Fisher, Sarnia, Ont., and Paul Keeton, Woodstock, Ala., were greatly troubled with boils; Mrs. Della Lord, Leominster, Mass., had pimples all over her body; so did R. W. Garretson, New Brunswick, N. J. The brother of Sadie E. Stockmar, 87 Miller St., Fall River, Mass., was afflicted with eczema so severely that his hands became a "mass of sores."

These sufferers, like others, have voluntarily testified to their complete cure by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

This great medicine acts directly and peculiarly on the blood, rids it of all humors, and makes it pure and healthy.

McMaster University Evangelistic Band.

About the 1st of last November a movement originated amongst the young men of McMaster University, Toronto, having for its sole design the stimulating of the evangelistic spirit among the churches. A nucleus of some 20 students at the outset, augmented during the intervening weeks, numbers at the present date upwards of 50 young men who are actively identified with the work. Already 15 centres have been visited by the band and from each of these many conversions have been reported.

The character of the meetings is unique. Familiar choruses, enriched with invitation selections by a strong quartet, are sung with rare enthusiasm. Brief personal testimonies interspersed with pointed appeals are given by a dozen men, and when the final appeal is being made at the close of the meeting the entire band disperse among the audience to urge personal decisions. Phenomenal success has justified the uniqueness of this method.

Churches and halls are invariably crowded to the doors, and rapt attention is sustained throughout the service, at the close of which many profess a personal faith in Christ. Since the inception of the movement over 400 names of converts have been received by members of the band, and many beside these are known to have been awakened to a sense of their need.

The band is not a formal organization; its services are voluntary and unremunerated; its members are by no means confined to ministerial students, but include those in training for law, medicine, the teaching profession, and other walks of life, facts which lend peculiar novelty and charm to the enterprise. The band with its work is the spontaneous expression of the spirit of God upon the hearts of the young men, and stands unrelated to other organized forms of activity. So contagious is this spirit that other colleges of the city are entering upon similar lines of work, and before the completion of the winter term there is every probability of intercollegiate mass meetings on a still larger scale.

The timeliness of this movement is evident from the fact that scores of invitations are being received from city and country churches which the brevity of the winter term renders impossible to accept. E.

Buried Talents.

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There always are those who wrap their talent for service in the napkin of not-worth-while. They feel that they could not do much because their ability is so small, and therefore they do not try to do anything. They suppose that they are practicing the much praised virtue of humility while they are really evading duty and responsibility and thus incurring blame and guilt. The truth is, no one, however small his ability, need live uselessly. God bestows no talents which He means to be wrapped up in napkins of any kind. Of course we cannot give what we have not. But we should give always what we have. We are never to say, "There is no use in my giving, for I have so little. It can do no one any good." We have nothing to do with the matter of larger or smaller. We are responsible only for what we have. If it is but one little talent, one little talent is all we shall have to answer for. But we must answer for that, and if we fail to use it we shall not only lose it in the end, but also shall incur the penalty of uselessness.—Ex.

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