

## Foreign Missions

### W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER.

That God's special blessing may rest upon all departments of our work for the coming year and many souls be won for Christ at home and abroad.

#### 2ND CHIPMAN W. M. A. SOCIETY.

Thirty-two years have passed since this society was first organized with seventeen members. Many who gathered in this circle for the first time, have been called to higher service. Many more have removed to other fields of labor, while a few with us, still stand today faithfully discharging the duties which the growing work demands.

We praise Him for the additional number of workers who have been called into this blessed service since then. Let us glance backward only ten years. Our society then had twenty-seven contributors, and the total amount raised during the year for Home and Foreign Missions was \$51. Last year our number had increased to fifty-three contributors and the amount raised was \$165.42. We are glad to report marked advancement both numerically and financially and we trust spiritually. And now we turn to the work of the year just closing. The first encouraging feature, our meetings have been held regularly every month throughout the year. We have also had two public meetings, and an "At Home" on Crusade Day when six new members were welcomed to our society. Two life members have been added this year. A mission study class was also formed during the winter months. Our Mission Band is doing excellent work under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Harry King. Her two little daughters have been made life members this year, and the Band has raised over \$100. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted thus: President, Mrs. H. A. Brown; 1st Vice, Mrs. E. E. Crandall, 2nd vice, Mrs. John Briggs; treasurer, Miss Neal Crandall; secretary, Mrs. H. B. Hay; auditor, Mrs. Harry King, committee of arrangements Mrs. Hiram Briggs, Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Morrison and Mrs. E. A. Branscomb. Secretary.

#### AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY MISSION BAND TREAS.

From July 24 to 31.

Advocate support of boy and widow, F. M. \$24, H. M. \$5; Milton, Queen's Co., H. M. \$2; Lockeport, F. M. \$13.96; South Brookfield F. M. \$5, H. M. \$5; Fredericton, F. M. \$22.25; Bridgetown to constitute Miss Edith Troop life member, F. M. \$10, H. M. \$5; Chelsea F. M. \$1; Argyle Head, H. M. \$1; Nictaux Falls, F. M. \$6.45; Upper Granville, F. M. \$3.45; River Herbert, F. M. \$3; H. M. \$1; Liverpool, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$5; Sandy Cove, F. M. \$4, H. M. \$4; Lawrencetown for Chancelor Hospital F. M. \$2.05; East Point, F. M. \$8.55; Chipman a gift for amount to constitute Elspeth and Doris King life members, F. M. \$20; Chipman to constitute Violet Briggs life member, F. M. \$10, F. M. \$11.94; Maratime H. M. \$9.28; Grande Ligne H. M. \$9.28; North West F. M. \$9.28; Indian Neck, H. M. \$9.28; Forest Glen, F. M. \$10; Bath, support of boy, F. M. \$16; Brookville F. M. \$5.25; Mahone F. M. \$9, H. M. \$5; Shelburne F. M. \$3.75; Canso, H. M. \$2; Wine Harbor, F. M. \$3.96, H. M. \$1; Moncton High St. F. M. \$16; Port Williams to constitute two life members F. M. \$15, H. M. \$15, Port Hillford F. M. \$4.85; Clementavale to constitute Roy Balcom life member, F. M. \$10; Bedeque, F. M. \$19; Truro Prince St. F. M. \$10, H. M. \$10; Pleasant Valley F. M. \$1; In last acknowledgements Kingston Village should be for support of in F. M. \$15, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$20, and Kingston F. M. \$6.25, H. M. \$6.25. I. G. Crandall, Chipman, N. B. Treas. Mission Bands.

#### LONDON DERRY.

A Union meeting of the W. M. A. Societies of De Bute and Belmont was held July 20 at the home of Mrs. Robt. McCully, Cross Roads, about 25 ladies were present, including the two pastors' wives. Mrs. W. H. Jenkins and Mrs. E. T. Miller. Mrs. Gunn of Belmont presided. The meeting was exceedingly helpful and took a very practical as well as spiritual tone. The pastors Rev. W. H. Jenkins and Rev. E. T. Miller were present. The future work of the local societies was discussed and new aggressive work planned. Mrs. Gunn read and spoke very interestingly on the last chapter of John's Gospel. The Grande Ligne came under earnest discussion. The Societies took this opportunity to observe Crusade Day. Some new members will be one result of the meeting. A report of the address and lecture of Bro. Gullison at Parrsboro was presented. Altogether it was a most helpful meeting, and we hope, a precursor of similar gatherings in the future. A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation by the sisters of a substantial sum of money to the aged sisters in whose home the meeting was held, as a slight testimony of their regard for her and her long extended connection with the society. After a plentiful supper the meeting adjourned after singing "God be with you till we meet again."

#### HAS ANYONE BEEN OMITTED.

"It was the Communion Day in our church, and the service proceeded as usual. My thoughts were all of my own unworthiness and Christ's love to me, until Mr. E. asked the question nobody ever notices, 'Has anyone been omitted in the distribution of the bread?' And it seemed to me I could see millions on millions of women rising silently in China, India, Africa, Siam, Persia, in all the countries where they need the Lord, but know him not, to testify that they have been omitted in the distribution of the bread and cup! And they can take it from no hands but ours, and we do not pass it on. Can Jesus make heaven so sweet and calm that we can forgive ourselves this great neglect of the millions living now for whom the body was broken and the blood shed just as much as for us?"—H. R. E.)

The feast was spread, the solemn words were spoken; Humbly my soul drew near to meet her Lord, To plead his sacrificial body broken, His blood for me outpoured;

On him I laid each burden I was bearing, The anxious mind, of strength so oft bereft, The future dim, the children of my caring, All on his heart I left.

"How could I live, my Lord," I cried, "without thee!

How for a single day this pathway trace, And feel no loving arm thrown round about me, No all-sustaining grace?

"O show me how to thank thee, praise thee, love thee,

For these rich gifts bestowed on sinful me; The rainbow hope that spans the sky above me, The promised rest with thee!"

As if indeed He spoke the answer, fitted Into my prayer, the pastor's voice came up; "Let any rise if they have been omitted When passed the bread and cup."

Sudden, before my inward, open vision, Millions of faces crowded up to view, Sad eyes that said, "For us is no provision; Give us your Saviour, too!"

Sorrowful women's faces, hungry, yearning, Wild with despair, or dark with sin and dread, Worn with long weeping for the unreturning, Hopeless, uncomfited.

"Give us," they cry; "your cup of consolation Never to our outreaching hands is passed; We long for the Desire of every nation, And oh, we die so fast!

"Does he not love us, too, this gracious Master? 'Tis from your hand alone we can receive The bounty of his grace; oh, send it faster, That we may take and live!"

"Master," I said, as from a dream awaking, "Is this the service thou dost show to me? Dost thou to me entrust thy bread for breaking To those who cry for thee?"

"Dear Heart of Love, canst thou forgive the blindness That let thy child sit selfish and at ease By the full table of thy loving kindness, And take no thought for these?"

"As thou hast loved me, let me love; returning To these dark souls the grace thou givest me; And oh, to me impart thy deathless yearning To draw the lost to thee!"

—G. Y. Holliday.

#### MISSIONS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is an axiom accepted everywhere that the Christian church is in heart and life a missionary institution. In reality it is that or nothing worth while. Therefore, we would naturally conclude that missionary work ought to be a prominent subject in Sunday School teaching. Alas! in the majority of schools it is either only casually alluded to, or simply ignored.

The Word of God has much to say about missions. The little boy was not far astray when, on being asked about Noah's Ark, replied, "that the ark was the first mission ship ever built." Moses led a great missionary campaign to the land of promise. Jonah was a missionary prophet. Elijah was doing missionary work when he dwelt in Sarepta during the drought. So we might go through the Bible showing how the missionary idea pervades the Scriptures.

Therefore, instead of special missionary lessons once a month or quarterly, there ought to be such a recognition of the missionary teachings of the Bible that each scholar and the entire school would become saturated with the missionary spirit of the Bible.

There can be no doubt that the true way to study missionary work in the Sunday school is to study it with relation to those passages of the Bible which form the regular lessons. Missions are not supplementary to the Bible; they have their springs in it. Their roots are grounded in the Word of God. It is our duty to see that this truth has never been very widely seen in our Sunday School work. There are

many ways in which this lack can be remedied. The one readiest to hand is for every teacher to bring out the missionary phase of each lesson. There is no excuse for any one to fail here.

Our own church publishes ample information concerning the manners and customs of the people among whom our missionaries labor. Then we have letters from our missionaries published that give a splendid view of the hand-to-hand conflict which the Gospel has with the false religions of the distant lands where the agents of our church are working, while the missionary pictures and stories often illustrate the Bible stories as we have a missionary library, or a missionary section to the school library.

The task before us to create in every Sunday school a genuine enthusiasm for missions. This enthusiasm is essentially necessary in order to have effective work done. To this end a continual stream of information concerning missions and missionaries, their necessity, successes, difficulties and support must be supplied to the scholars under our care.

This leads up and prepares the way for another important phase of our work with the young; that is, the systematic efforts to raise missionary offerings in our schools. Here we have an excellent opportunity for training our children and youths in systematic giving. Here is an extract from an article in *The Christian Guardian* of August 10, 1904, on "The Right Way to Give."

"We need impressive teaching and training along this line of thought, and we need to begin it at once to our children—the boys and girls in our Sunday-schools. Giving in the mass for the whole family, by the head of the family, robs the children of the much needed early culture in benevolence and liberality, and of the dignity and wealth which comes to the soul-life through gifts of sacrifice. By all means make it possible for your boy or girl to make an offering of his or her own unto the cause of God, and do not fail to teach him or her the higher nature of that service, for it is in childhood that that lesson can best be taught. If the Methodist parents of today would faithfully act upon this suggestion, the next generation would fill our church treasuries without the need of special appeals, and the whole body would enter upon a new era of efficiency and success.

There is no apology possible for the present condition of things, but there is imperative need that the Sunday Schools be brought up to the line of opportunity, possibility, and responsibility with regard to missionary Bible study, missionary enthusiasm, and missionary givings. This ought to be done, because it can be done. We have the machinery we have the raw material, and we have the opportunity, so we ought to turn out the manufactured article.

Our destiny as a missionary church depends upon the kind of training our Sunday School children get on the subject of missions. It is not for some spasmodic start, with flourish of trumpets, we plead, but for systematic, persistent, and practical work we propose to make a new departure.

If what we advocate took place, and there is no reason why it should not, our Sunday Schools from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with their host of teachers, officers, and scholars, would sing in one mighty chorus the Sunday School song:

"Christ for the world we sing,  
The world to Christ we bring  
With loving zeal—

The new-born souls, whose days!  
Reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise,  
To Christ belong."

Melita, Man.

Rev. Henry Lewis.

#### MARITIME BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(Continued from page 5.)

We desire that all may note the recommendations made and adopted by the Convention.

In harmony with the first recommendation will all the clerks of the associations please forward to Dr. E. M. Saunders all the church letters that are in your possession. This will relieve you and greatly add to our stock of historical data.

We learn that a large quantity of church letters was in the library of the college before the fire, and unfortunately were burned. These would be valuable indeed if we possessed them now. The letters which the clerks will forward now and in the future will be greatly appreciated in the future, if not at the present time. Dr. Saunders will classify them, in an orderly way before forwarding them to the library of Acadia for preservation.

In accordance to the second recommendation, it will be seen that we are prepared to enroll names as members of the Historical Society upon the payment of 25 cents, paid to me as treasurer. This sum will pay the membership fee for 1906-'06.

We will have need of the fund thus secured in prosecuting our work; the report of expenditure as well as the receipts will always be made in our yearly report to Convention.

Several have already made requests for membership and others will desire to join. To all such we say we are ready to enroll your names. Send them along.

J. W. Brown, Sec.-Treas.

Albert, N. B., Aug. 29.

#### DENOMINATION

SUCCESSOR TO

As the First Baptist Church of Scotia have been willing to assume the work of the Treasurer of the denomination for the year 1906-1907, sent to him and credited.

Signed J. A.

Wolfville, N. S.

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A consignment of the last year's hand, and undersigned By order

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